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College partners with SFU

Approximately 40 people were on hand February 23 at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue in downtown Vancouver to launch an exciting new partnership between the McRae Institute of International Management at Capilano College and Simon Fraser University. The two institutions will work together to offer a dual credential post-graduate program with a post-baccalaureate diploma in International Management awarded from Capilano College and a Master of Arts in International Leadership awarded by SFU. Students enrolled in McRae's International Management diploma program will have the option of working towards SFU's master's degree by taking three extra courses and completing a paper with the university. The two institutions' presidents acknowledged the contributions of the working group of **Mitra Kiamanesh**, chair of the McRae Institute, **John Potts**, dean of International programs at Capilano College, as well as **Mary Anne Gillies** and **Tom Perry**, both associate deans of Arts and Social Sciences at SFU. They also acknowledged the ongoing support of the faculty members of McRae and SFU.

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Mary Ann Gillies (left), associate dean of Arts and Social Sciences at SFU, with Mitra Kiamanesh, chair of Capilano College's McRae Institute.

close up



Beng Choo Tay

Students and faculty from the Studio Art department at Capilano College have established an award in honour of the memory of their friend,

Beng Choo Tay. Beng enrolled in Studio Art's advanced ceramics program in 1992 and passed away January 21, 2004 after a year-long battle with breast cancer. The Beng Choo Tay Memorial Award for Ceramic Arts is an endowment fund that will benefit students who are enrolled in Studio Art and have a commitment to ceramic arts. "Beng was known as a renaissance woman, an accomplished professional, wife, mother, good friend and a successful artisan," says a note attached to the reference material for the award. "She participated in the Lower Mainland's ceramics community, winning several awards for her art. Beng was much loved and well known for her wonderful sense of humour and the ability to laugh at herself. She had a generous and loving spirit that is missed by everyone."

Moves and changes

Val Newman, former executive assistant to the vice-president, Academic Affairs, has accepted the position of privacy/executive assistant in the Human Resources department. Congratulations, Val!

Shelley Kean, former communications liaison, has accepted the position of manager, Public Affairs. Shelley is responsible for planning, organizing and managing College community and media relations.

Web manager, **Dave O'Leary**, has accepted the position of dean of Career and Trades at Northwest Community College effective May 16. After 14 years of service, Dave's last day at Capilano College will be April 22. Best wishes, Dave!

New division name

As a result of a recent College decision to rename some areas within the institution, the Foundations division will be known as the Faculty of Developmental Studies, effective immediately.



Jazz group, Sekoya, has been nominated for a Juno.

Juno nominees

Four College graduates have again highlighted the kind of talent that Capilano College consistently produces. They are part of a group of seven that make up the jazz band Sekoya, which has been nominated for a Juno award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year. The Junos air April 3 on CTV at 8 p.m.

Amalia Townsend is a graduate from the Arts and Entertainment Management program and **Alvin Cornista**, **Nino DiPasquale** and **Kent Wallace** are all grads from Jazz Studies. **Chris Gestrin** is also in the group and is very well known on the North Vancouver campus for his work with **Kate Hammett Vaughan** (who has also been nominated for Vocal Jazz Album of the Year) and former Jazz Studies instructor, **Brad Turner**.



Capilano College BBA student, Rebecca Davies (left), and visiting Mexican student, Sylvia Vidrio, are past and current participants respectively in the NACE exchange program.

B.C. premier addresses NACE

B.C. Premier **Gordon Campbell** was a guest speaker for Capilano College at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel on March 3 where he addressed faculty, partners and participants gathered in Vancouver for the North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship (NACE) program. NACE is a student exchange program between Canada, the United States and Mexico that was established last year to develop young entrepreneurs and enable them to

take advantage of business opportunities across the North American countries. "When we open up our cultures, we have an incredible advantage over those who don't," he told the group, which was comprised of members of Vancouver's business community, consulars, faculty and students. "Entrepreneurs with this type of experience look at the world in different ways."

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Report from Ed Council

Submitted by Dr. Frank Harris

At the March meeting Education Council gave approval in principle to the Magazine Publishing summer program, and gave final approval to the Destination Resort Management Coop diploma program. Council recommended that convocation be held May 30 and 31, 2005. Council elected a timetable committee to examine timetable issues, options, and make recommendations.

Stephen Williams reported on an accreditation workshop. Council discussed the issues and virtues of seeking accreditation, which include continuous quality improvement, marketing and branding, national and international credibility,

succession planning and documentation of successes. **Christine Ellis** was elected to the College Planning committee. Council recommended that the next spring reading break be Monday/Tuesday February 20-21, 2006; that spring terms begin Jan. 9, 2006, Jan. 8, 2007, Jan. 7, 2008 and Jan. 12, 2009; and recommended approval of the draft academic schedule be submitted by the registrar.

Ed note: In the last issue of the informer, it was stated that the Music Therapy program gave a report to Ed Council when in fact it was the Bachelor of Music Transfer program.

Mark your calendars

Diversity celebration

The Diversity and Equity committee will be holding another diversity celebration in the Birch building's lower cafeteria at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. There will be singing, dancing, drumming, juggling and a selection of other activities. The diversity essay prizes will also be awarded at that time. See you there!

Pottery sale

The third year advanced potters at Capilano College will be holding their spring sale on Friday, April 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maple building's pottery studio.

Budget info online

For the past several years, the Education Council budget committee has held a college-wide forum to explain the budget committee process to the College community. This year, instead of a forum the budget committee is submitting a memo to the College community. This memo is available through your Education Council representative or through the College intranet at: [administration/minutes/educationcouncil/budget committee](#). If you have any questions regarding the budget committee, please contact **Marion Cragg** at local 2369.

Benefit highlights talent

Despite battling great odds with a postponed first show, Super Bowl Sunday, and the decreasing response to tsunami aid, the tsunami benefit show held in the Performing Arts Theatre on February 6 was a tremendous success. "The students were remarkable and their talent extraordinary," says Theatre manager, **Julie Vanderyagt**. "We should all be very proud of the calibre of students at the College." Ticket sales brought in \$1,408.52 and the silent auction raised \$600. Arts and Entertainment Management also donated the proceeds of \$111 from the concession bringing the total raised to \$2,119.52. All money will be presented to Oxfam Canada.

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